



## Chapter of the Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest

Newsletter Date: April 29, 2004

### Spring Fling

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*"Check out the website  
to view photos from  
several Society Events!"*

We're on the web!  
[www.yakimawine.org](http://www.yakimawine.org)

Are you ready for another full meal deal? On May 12<sup>th</sup>, we are pleased to bring you the premium wines of **Goose Ridge Vineyards**. Please join us and experience the wines of award winning wine maker **Charlie Hoppes**, perhaps one of the best winemakers in Washington State. Steve Womack from Goose Ridge Vineyards (and also resident wine steward of the **Birchfield Manor**) will be guiding us through an incredible evening of full-bodied wines paired with a delectable menu prepared by **Café Melange**.



Goose Ridge Winery is one of the Columbia Valley's newer wineries, founded in 1999 by the Monson family. Goose Ridge Vineyards is the largest single planting of estate vines at an estimated 1,300 acres located in Benton City, directly neighboring Red Mountain. The vineyard consists of Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Chardonnay, Viognier and White Riesling. **Charlie Hoppes** has been handcrafting the wines of Goose Ridge Vineyard Winery since their initial phase in 1999. The wines we are serving are produced solely from Goose Ridge Vineyards and estate bottled.

Your evening begins with a Viognier paired with a crab cake appetizer and a bleu-cheese cheesecake, followed by a Caesar salad and a crisp Chardonnay. The entrée will be a savory roast pork, paired with a luscious Syrah and a wine they have named Vireo, a proprietary red blend. We have chosen a chocolate torte to serve with their beautiful Meritage. Bon Appetit! And see you on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Date:** Wed., May 12th, 2004

**Place:** Yakima Valley Museum

**Time:** 6:30 pm Registration

**Cost:** \$39 Members  
\$44 Guests

**Bring:** Two (2) wine glasses

**Limited:** 140 Registrants

Please contact Gina Milliron at 452-0738 if you would like to help out with this event.

Postmarked by **Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**.  
Phone calls only on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>  
by 8:00 pm to Marie Clark, **697-3364**.

*Gina Milliron*

### Kestrel Vintners - June Tasting

Our June tasting will be at the Yakima Valley Museum with Kestrel Vintners.

Kestrel is one of the leading makers of red wine in the valley (the 1999 Old Vine Signature Edition Cabernet Sauvignon was one of our Platinum II wines), but also fashions some luscious whites, including Chardonnay and Viognier.

More details in next month's newsletter.

*Mike Libbee*

### Rattlesnake Hills "Terroir Tasting"

The Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail has generously offered to host members of the Yakima Enological Society at the group's first ever "Terroir Tasting." Sample wines, tour four of the future AVA's top vineyards, and discuss the distinctive terroir of the Rattle-

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## President's Corner

I hope everyone went out into the Yakima Valley and supported the Barrel Tasting Weekend events at the local wineries. This is a popular event and brings people from all over the Northwest to our valley.

Your YES Board is going to be looking for feedback on some things we will be trying over the next few months with regard to our tastings. If you like the way they turn out let us know. If you do not like any of the changes or have concerns please let us know about those as well.

One change that has been implemented is some follow-through on the renewal of membership reminders. There will be no more reminders and those that have not renewed their membership this year have been dropped from the email notification listing and will not get anything by regular postal mail either. If you know someone who still wishes to be part of the Yakima Enological Society but has not renewed their membership please share your newsletter with them or direct them to the website for a renewal application and the current newsletter.

Since YES is a volunteer organization I want to make an appeal on behalf of the June tasting committee. This tasting is going to be organized by Curt Borden and will be with wines from Kestrel Vineyards. He would like to hear from those who would like to help organize, set-up and clean-up this tasting. If you have email you can send him a message at [curtborden@earthlink.net](mailto:curtborden@earthlink.net). If you wish to contact him by phone his number is 865-4460. Please let him know directly and he will let you know how you can help.

See you in May.

John DiBari

## April Tasting Review

Approximately 110 members attended the tasting at the Larson Gallery. The photo exhibit is outstanding, one of the best in many years. The YES Members chose one of the pictures to receive the \$100 YES Members Choice Award.

The wines from **Windy Point** were excellent and enjoyed paired with food that enhanced the flavors of the wine. **Liz Stepniewski** enjoyed talking to the membership about the winery and the wines.

A good time was had by all.

Many thanks to the organizing committee that provided food for the event – **Hans and Kathy Michielsen, Julie Johnson, Bev and Johnny Warren, Kathryn Bauer, Judy and John DiBari.**

Thanks also to those that helped with organizing in the back – **Mike Harves and Wilma Dulin.**



John DiBari

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 12	<b>Goose Ridge Winery</b> Yakima Valley Museum
May 19	<b>Board Meeting</b>
June 9	<b>Kestrel Vintners</b> Yakima Valley Museum
June 16	<b>Board Meeting</b>
July 21	<b>Yakima Arboretum</b>

## Wine Press NW Has a Fresh New Look

If you haven't had the opportunity to go to the Wine Press North West website recently, you are in for a wonderful surprise.

Their new look and feel is impressive! You must be a registered member to access certain sections of the website. But it is fast and easy to sign up.

If you get a chance, you should definitely check it out! Go to [www.winepressnw.com](http://www.winepressnw.com) to visit.



Charlena Paschen

## Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail

Fifteen wineries of the Yakima Valley north of Interstate 82 from Parker Heights to Outlook have formed a new organization dedicated to promoting wine tourism and bringing visitors to the Zillah area.

The Rattlesnake Hills Wine Trail has already teamed with Zillah and Yakima area businesses to produce a full-color brochure with a detailed map of the area wineries and businesses that offer tourists services such as lodging, restaurants, fuel, fresh produce, and picnic supplies.

In addition, a web site, [www.rattlesnakehills.com](http://www.rattlesnakehills.com) is being developed to help visitors plan their trip to the area. The site will have maps, written driving directions, advertisers and winery links, and information about special events at the member wineries.

All of the wineries are also members of Wine Yakima Valley and are working with the larger group to promote the Yakima Valley as a whole.

Member Wineries include:

- **Bonair Winery**
- **Claar Cellars**
- **Eaton Hill Winery**
- **Horizon's Edge Winery**
- **Hyatt Vineyards**
- **Maison de Padgett Winery**
- **Masset Winery**
- **Paradisos del Sol**
- **Piety Flats Winery**
- **Portteus Vineyards**
- **Sagelands Vineyard**
- **Silver Lake at Roza Hills**
- **Tefft Cellars**
- **Two Mountain Winery**
- **Windy Point Vineyards**



Mike Libbee

# Spring is Sprung!

Please submit info., articles, or recipes to:

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## Goose Ridge Profile

Founded by the **Monson Family** in 1999, Goose Ridge is a small, estate winery dedicated to handcrafting limited quantities of exquisite Bordeaux and Rhone varietals. The winery is committed to sound viticultural practices, site selection within low yield vineyards, and artisan winemaking to create memorable wines.

Located in the heart of the Columbia Valley, Goose Ridge lies at the base of the Horse Heaven Hills and is adjacent to Red Mountain. Acclaimed winemaker **Charlie Hoppes** began working with Goose Ridge during the initial phases of the winery's development, bringing with him over fifteen years of winemaking expertise and Columbia Valley viticulture knowledge.

Charlie says "Goose Ridge Vineyard is really coming into its own. Vine maturation and meticulous site selection provide fruit with true varietal character that continues to develop with each vintage. Our never-ending pursuit of growing the finest grapes in the most suitable sites has been rewarded with excellent wine quality that will only continue to improve."

16304 N. Dallas Road, Richland, WA 99352

[www.gooseridgevineyards.com](http://www.gooseridgevineyards.com)

509-627-1618

Mike Libbee

## Local Wine Events

May 10th - **Bob's Keg and Cork**. Whitman Cellars. Appetizers, \$25, 6:30 PM. Reservations preferred at 573-3691.

May 14th - **Rosauer's**. The wines of Cave B. and Angelo's. Heavy appetizers, \$25, 7:00 PM. Contact Kim at 972-2327.

May 15 - **Windy Point Winery** and **Essencia Artisan Bakery** are pleased to present Guest Chef Jessica Smith-Johnson at a Winemaster's Dinner. Jessica, with Culinary Degree from Johnson and Wales, has recently moved from the Canyon Spa in Tucson to the Yakima Valley. For more information call Liz at 877-6824.

Mike Libbee & John DiBari



## Grand Fun at Grand Vin!

Would you like to be involved in the Yakima Valley's premier wine event? And lend your support to our locally based **American Red Cross** chapter as well? If so, here's your chance.

All Yakima Enological Society members are invited to take part in the 2004 **Grand Vin!** dinner and auction, which will be held at the **DeAtley** estate on Scenic Drive in Yakima on Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. This is the primary annual fund-raising event for the Yakima chapter of the American Red Cross, held in conjunction with **Washington Wine Country**.

A fabulous dinner will be served to over 500 attendees, after wine tasting (hosted by several local wineries) and a lively auction generating proceeds for the American Red Cross and Washington Wine Country. The dinner includes the pouring of several beautiful Washington wines, and **all members of our Society are invited to do the honor of pouring those wines to Grand Vin! attendees this year**. This is a great opportunity for you to be involved in a first class wine-themed event, and enjoy the company of wine lovers from the entire Northwest in a one-of-a-kind setting. As a volunteer pourer, you will be provided a free meal in exchange for your efforts. Roughly 35 pourers are needed, and our hope is that YES members can fill all of those 35 spots.

If you are interested in this unique opportunity, please contact **Ray Dilschneider at 965-2460**. I'd like to have notice of your interest by May 28<sup>th</sup> in order to insure proper planning and coordination of efforts. Spots will be filled on a first come-first serve basis, so please call soon. See you there!

*Ray Dilschneider*

### *"Terroir Tasting" Continued from page 1...*

snake Hills with some of the local wine industry's leading experts.

The evening will begin at Elephant Mountain Vineyards, continue to Chateau Puryear Vineyards (Bonair), on to the Porteus Vineyards, and conclude at Silver Lake's Rosa Hills Vineyards. At each stop, wines from the particular vineyard will be served along with specially paired appetizers by Zillah's own Wendy Burns (Wendy did the appetizers for Platinum II).

Date: Wednesday, May 26. (Thursday will be a rain day.) Transportation provided round-trip from Claar Cellars. Price is TBD, but expect \$20 to \$25 per person -- a bargain at twice the price! Commemorative glasses provided. The tasting is strictly limited to 25 members and guests. Contact Claar Cellars (829-6810; [zillah@claarcellars.com](mailto:zillah@claarcellars.com)) for details and reservations.



*Mike Libbee*

## Northwest Wine Events

**Waterbrook Winery tasting**, May 4, Woodinville, Wash. Willows Lodge holds its regular wine tasting from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Fireside. Cost: \$10. Call 425-424-3900.

**Oregon Pinot Noirs tasting**, May 11, Woodinville, Wash. Willows Lodge holds its regular wine tasting from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Fireside. Cost: \$10. Call 425-424-3900.

**Yakima Cellars tasting**, May 14, Woodinville, Wash. Willows Lodge holds its regular wine tasting from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Fireside. Cost: \$10. Call 425-424-3900.

**Oregon Wine Dinner**, May 16, Seattle. Brasserie Margaux plays host to this dinner featuring boutique and high-profile Willamette Valley wineries. Cost: \$75. Call 206-777-1990.

**Andrew Rich Winery tasting**, May 19, Woodinville, Wash. Willows Lodge holds its regular wine tasting from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Fireside. Cost: \$10. Call 425-424-3900.

**Shoalwater Winemaker Dinner: Cristom Winery**, May 21, Seaview, Wash. One of Washington's finest restaurants plays host to one of Oregon's top Pinot Noir producers. Cost: \$85. Call 360-642-4142.

These and many more wine events are listed on [www.winepressnw.com](http://www.winepressnw.com) web site. Enjoy!

*Charlena Paschen*

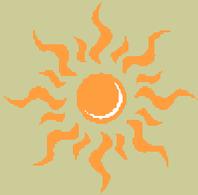


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Happy Spring!



**Spring Fling**

**Deadline: Postmarked by Friday, May 7th**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Yakima Valley Museum**

**Wednesday, May 12th, 2004 6:30 PM**

Members \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$39.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guests \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$44.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL Enclosed:** \$

Please give your e-mail address below if you would like to receive future issues of the newsletter via e-mail:

If you would like to help with the tasting, please select one of the following:

- Set Up                       Food Prep                       Registration
- Greeter                       Pourer                       Clean Up

Please clip & mail with your check to:

Yakima Enological Society - P.O. Box 2395, Yakima, WA 98907  
**All Reservations must be paid for in advance and are NON REFUNDABLE!**

